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Worcester State Parking Initiative



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Kristin Yeager,
Managing Editor

For many students and faculty, the first few weeks of school can be associated with one thing: stress. The list of things potentially stressful at the start of school is not only inevitable but seemingly endless as well. A particular issue that has weighed heavily and stressfully on people's minds this year is parking. Now, is parking really something to stress over? Well, due to circumstances out of students' control, this year it has become just that. I have witnessed incidents of students arriving to school two hours early to sit in their cars and sleep (among other things) to simply 'reserve' a spot in WSC's inadequate parking lots. I know for myself, five classes a day is enough; never mind spending an additional two hours sitting in a parking lot. Because WSC has acknowledged the fact that parking is indeed an issue, the school has not only provided a shuttle service but are in the planning phase of a parking garage. The parking garage project has cost each member of WSC \$100-\$175 in the form of a parking decal. However these high costs will, in turn, fix the problem.

As a commuter, I have fully utilized our reserved parking lot at the Worcester Airport as well as WSC's shuttle service. Not once since school started have I parked in the parking lot on campus and not once have I been late to class. I always wondered why the airport parking lot was so empty in the mornings. My curiosities were not curiosities for long as I was dropped off at school and nearly run down by people fighting for parking. Really guys—parking is *extinct* on campus at 8:30 in the morning. I also found it amusing that after police started writing tickets, both the campus parking lot and the airport parking lot were deserted. Either that, or windshields everywhere were covered with obscene orange tickets. What happened? Did everyone stop coming to school because they cannot afford a decal? People possess mixed views on the parking issue. After weighing the pros and cons of the situation, you can decide for yourself.

Pros:

- 100% of parking decal cost going to new parking garage.
- Provides the Worcester Airport lot reserved specifically for students of WSC.
- High costs decrease the number of parking violations.

Cons:

- Parking garage construction will not begin until 2008.
- Students paying now will more than likely never see the parking garage never mind be able to use it.
- The price of decals alone went from \$10 to \$100 and tickets, depending on the severity of violation are now from \$30 - \$80

It is already entirely evident that no one wants to dish out \$100-\$175 for parking. Especially with the already relentless list of college fees but the best way to look at is: you really have no other choice so, just do it!

Directions to Worcester Airport from Chandler Street:

Leave college, take a left. (Northwest on Chandler Street)
Come to lights at four way intersection by CVS, Getty, Mobil, etc.
Take a left onto Mill Street
Go straight, follow signs. (Worcester State College Shuttle)

WSC STUDENTS TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

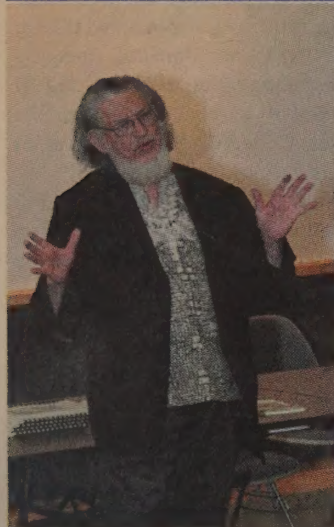
Students of Worcester State College will be recognized for their work with the *Worcester State College Food Assistance Program* with the prestigious "Victory Against Hunger Award" from the Congressional Hunger Center (CHC). Representative James P. McGovern (D-MA) will present the national award to the program director, Maureen Power, Ph.D., chair of the Urban Studies Department and executive director of the Intergenerational Urban Institute (IUI), at a "Victory Against Hunger" Celebration Breakfast on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 in the Blue Lounge of the Student Center at Worcester State College.

"As part of a joint service learning project, traditional and elder students at Worcester State College were involved in seven outreach sites and have been involved in door-to-door food stamp outreach," said Representative James P. McGovern (D-MA), who is the CHC board co-chair. He, along with his co-chair, Representative Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), expressed that, "The Victory Against Hunger Award winners are living examples of men and women who are citizens and not just spectators. Every one involved with these anti-hunger organizations is dedicated to getting food into the hands of those who might otherwise go without."

Under the direction of Maureen Power, a team of WSC students worked at St. Paul's Food Pantry doing online food stamp applications under the sponsorship of a grant from Project Bread. Other students worked with the Worcester Housing Authority, informing residents of the new food stamp benefits available to SSI recipients. In addition, the students worked in conjunction with Worcester County Food Bank, Worcester Community Action Council, Rachel's Table and Brigham Hill Community Farm.

"Our students are making an effort to help put food on people's tables," said Power. "They are trying to help those who qualify for food stamps receive the help they need to keep their families healthy. It is work that matters and the students are really psyched to be involved."

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Dennis Brutus
Photo by Erika Sidor

Dennis Brutus: Activist, Poet, Freedom Fighter, visiting Professor

Bridgette Rajamiemi
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A quick meeting with Dennis Brutus and you would never know the places he has been, or the things he has done, but you would still get a sense that there was something deep inside him, strength maybe, that sets him apart from others. He makes an impression, and rightly so. It would take a lifetime to hear all of his stories, to understand the importance of the things he has done.

Dennis Brutus was born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in 1924. Both of his South African parents were school teachers at the mission schools run by the church. In apartheid South Africa, the government did not fund schools for "non-whites", so the churches picked up the slack and educated the children. He went to college at Fort Hare, which had once been a Military base named after its Colonel. When the military abandoned the base, the church took it over and turned it into a university. He taught high school in South Africa for many years, he was married to a woman named May, and had eight children, four boys, and four girls. He went on to teach at countless Universities, and has published his poetry several times. He is now a visiting professor here at Worcester State College in the center for the Study of Human Rights, on the third floor of the Sullivan building. He earned Honorary Doctorates from

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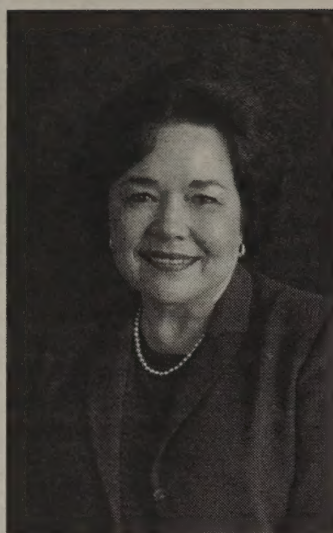
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From the Desk of: President Janelle C. Ashley

Dear Students:

I am very optimistic about this new academic year. In many ways we are reaping much of what we sowed, and I can state with confidence that Worcester State College is thriving, vibrant and strong. We have been paying particular attention to our students' changing needs, upgrading facilities with new technologies and investing in student services. And, you noticed! Based on your responses, *The Princeton Review* named Worcester State College "a best Northeastern College" for 2005. This is a great distinction for the College.

I am pleased to report that we hired fourteen new faculty members, each with impressive credentials. We also exceeded our goal of 20 percent of new faculty hires being from an affirmative action protected group.

We opened Wasylean Hall, renovated the main wing of the Sullivan Academic Center with high-tech classrooms and expanded the main dining hall. We did a complete interior renovation of Chandler Village so that all apartments are now made up of one and two bedroom units. We also replaced all the exterior signs so that every building is clearly identified.

Last year's freshman class came in under the new required laptop program, which was extremely popular. With our state-of-the-art wireless connectivity, you can now use your laptop computers anywhere on campus.

Those of you in the residence halls were given high speed Internet service, providing Internet access up to 50 times faster than the previous system. We also created four Living-Learning Communities in the residence halls, blending academic and social programs and a new opportunity to interact with faculty.

I also want to congratulate our athletic teams. For the first time in the 32 year history of Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, the Lancers won the Smith Cup, awarded to the top institution based on the performance of both team and individual sports. We have never finished higher than third in the past. Four teams qualified for post season play: Baseball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, and Field Hockey. The Lancers also won the Worcester Cup, awarded to the team in Worcester with the highest winning percentage-- the third time in the last four years!

For the next few years, you will continue to see renovations and upgrades as we strive to make Worcester State College the very best place to receive your education. At their June meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a Capital Financing plan for a 500-space parking garage and a new facility to house academic and athletic programs. These two exciting projects are their top priorities.

As we move into the fall semester, I encourage you to take full advantage of what the College has to offer, from classroom discussions, faculty conversations, scholarly presentations and internships to student activities, community service, athletic events, and cultural venues that are available throughout the year. These opportunities provide an invaluable addition to your education.

I wish for your continued success and a rewarding year ahead.

Janelle C. Ashley
President

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Anti-Education Drug Law Unjustified

Tom Angell
Contributor

Congress's research arm released a report Tuesday examining the effects of the law that has denied federal financial aid to more than 175,000 students with drug convictions.

The study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) was unable to find any evidence that the provision "actually helped to deter drug use."

"Congress's own researchers failed to show that this discriminatory law does anything to solve our nation's drug problems," said Scarlett Swerdlow, executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. "Preventing determined students from earning a college degree makes our streets less safe and undercuts America's economic productivity."

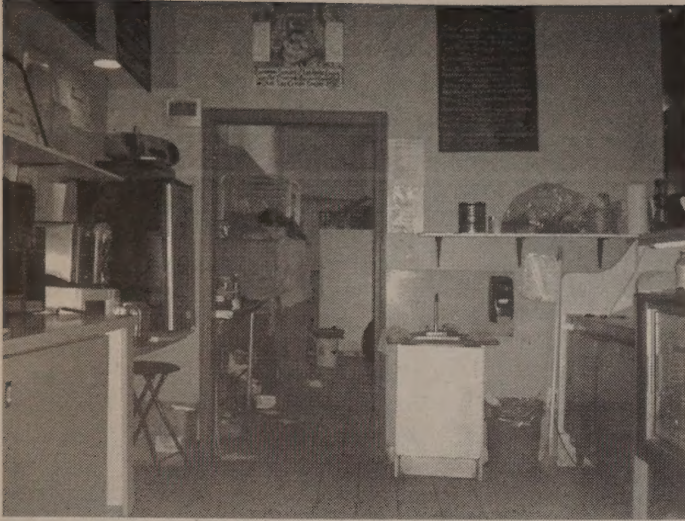
The GAO report found that college graduates "earn nearly twice as much over a lifetime as those persons who have only a high school diploma." The study cited a "strong consensus among economists that formal education has a positive impact not only on personal income but also on society." The GAO further noted that college education leads to "decreases in crime" and "decreased dependence upon certain types of public assistance."

The financial aid ban, the result of a 1998 amendment to the Higher Education Act, is up for reconsideration this year as Congress overhauls the large education law.

The GAO report, "Drug Offenders Various Factors May Limit the Impacts of Federal Laws That Provide for Denial of Selected Benefits," is online at <http://gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-238>.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, an organization with more than 115 college and high school chapters nationwide, is committed to providing education on harms caused by the War on Drugs, working to involve youth in the political process, and promoting an open, honest, and rational discussion of alternative solutions to our nation's drug problems. Visit www.DAREgeneration.com for more information

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Inside the Java Hut
Photo by Tonya Bennett

The Java Hut: Good Coffee, Great Atmosphere

Jeffrey Moffett
Layout Manager

Tired of spending your nights on campus? Looking for something exciting to do in the Worcester area other than clubbing? The Java Hut may very well be for you. First things first: this place has great coffee. Tony Bisceglia, an employee of this establishment, told the Voice that the Java Hut usually has five or six specialty coffees among its menu, and that these change weekly. For the hardcore coffee fans, the Java Hut offers a coffee drink known as the Psycho Blast. Among the ingredients to this wild concoction are Sumatran coffee, ice cream and eight shots of espresso.

The Java Hut is an exceptionally inviting location for patrons of all ages. On any given night, one could expect to see any number of social groups, from college students taking in an acoustic set to an elderly man reading his paper while sipping coffee. That is one thing that keeps the regular customers, such as frequent patron Tonya Bennett, returning to the Java Hut. Well that, the comfortable couches, and the cheesecake.

With the exception of Wednesdays, the Java Hut holds a nightly event. Sunday nights features a poetry slam. Every Tuesday is an open mic night, for which anyone can sign up to perform. Sign-ups are at 7:30, while the show begins at 8. They are also looking to organize art shows inside the premises. The Java Hut also puts on many organized shows. October 15, *Traphiq* and *Me and the Kids* will be playing. On the 19th of October, Lusting Kay will be performing. Both shows begin at 9:30 pm.

The Java Hut is open seven days a week from 11 am until 1 am. It is an all age establishment, which means alcohol is neither served nor allowed on the premise. They only accept cash, though there is an ATM across the street. There is a one drink minimum for all customers. Also, the employees work for gratuities, so tip generously.

The Possibilities of Study Abroad

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

So you've been at Worcester State for a while now and you're thinking about what opportunities you haven't so far explored within your major. How about considering a semester abroad with full credit? Such an experience can be a reality if you are an eligible student, and it may not cost much more than you pay to study here. There are exchange possibilities all over the world, and with new partner institutions being added all the time there has never been a better time to think about it. However, currently less than 5% of WSC students take up the exciting prospect of studying outside of the US. Dr Steve Chao, Director of International Programs states why he thinks this is.

"Misperception and misunderstanding in studying abroad often discourage WSC students from taking such a precious opportunity. Some do not have the financial resources and do not believe they qualify for financial aid. Some claim they are not interested, but do not truly understand how study abroad would benefit their academic study and career planning. Some express they would like to do it, however their academic and work schedule does not allow them to study abroad."

With many obstacles to overcome before studying abroad can become a reality for some people it is understandable why such a relatively low number pursue it further. However a semester abroad can be such a worthwhile venture as Kate Briley, 20, an exchange student from England discovered.

"Doing an exchange opens your eyes to different cultures, expands your horizons, fulfills your potential and teaches you about yourself. My experience at WSC so far has been positive. The more you put in, the more you'll get out of it."

So how do you know if an exchange is right for you? Follow the guide below and discover if you are likely to find it worthwhile.

1. Do you make friends easily and enjoy being sociable?

You may need to put some work into meeting people perhaps a little more than you necessarily would at home. However, if you are fairly shy, don't let that put you off. There are plenty of people who go on an exchange and feel they won't meet anybody, but come home with an impressive email contact list.

2. Are you open minded and adaptable?

Your experience abroad is not going to be exactly like home. If that fills you with dread then maybe you should reconsider. However, if you enjoy a challenge and want to experience life in other countries then this is your best chance to do so. Remember, when you are a student you have opportunities that you can't always replicate once working. Don't miss out on them.

3. Can you cope without seeing your loved ones for up to four months?

Of course, you may be fortunate enough to have relatives and friends that will visit you in your exchange country, but even then don't place all your hopes on it, as plans can change. If you spend the whole semester miserable thinking about when your family and friends are coming to visit, you are not going to make the best use of your time. Tell the family to stay where they are and instead explore your temporary country of residence with your newfound friends. It's daunting of course, but rise to the challenge and you'll have the time of your life!

So why should you choose Worcester, UK, for your exchange?

Kate Briley again,

"Because the legal drinking age is 18! No seriously, Worcester is a quintessential English town and would provide the perfect centralized location for exploring the rest of the country. The campus is small and friendly and there is a real 'village' feel to it. The University of Worcester is a good place to study. It has a wide variety of courses, the social life is varied and there is something on at the Student Union every night."

So there you have it. An international exchange is such a worthwhile consideration and the newly upgraded University of Worcester, England is a great place to study with something for everyone!

If you are interested in discovering if studying in the UK at the University of Worcester is for you, Professors Benjamin and Zang are taking a party there at the end of this year. They will be studying Media Coverage of the Environment in the UK, including a visit to London and the BBC. For full program details please contact Dr Steve Chao, Director of International Programs on 508 929 8747 or email schao@worchester.edu

Alternatively you can contact Sue Strow, Program Manager, Intrax Education Abroad on 800 777 7766 ext.633 or email ssrow@studytheworld.com

Challenging Literature

Christopher Degen
Staff Writer

"The thing he was about to do was to open a diary...if detected, he was reasonably certain that it would be punished by death..." (George Orwell, 1984)

One issue that is often under the radar for the general public of more liberal states like ours is the fact that even to this day books are challenged in libraries across the country. To challenge a book is to register a complaint about the content of the book, with the purpose of having it removed from shelves and banned from distribution.

As a result, each year libraries have branded the last week of September "Banned Book Week." The effects of this week are nonetheless minor, but are a small step in preserving the freedom of speech that all of us enjoy. Typically this involves a display of the one hundred most challenged books for the past year as well as pamphlets or banners filled with information and quotes about how authors feel on the subject. The purpose of this is so that the libraries can show people which pieces of beloved literature have made it onto the list and, in the process promote freedom of speech and press by proudly displaying the books as being available at that library.

The other side of the argument must be taken into account as well. It is not only the right but the responsibility of parents to protect their children from what they consider to be inappropriate. As for the actions of parents who do not approve of the material, there are varying degrees of action that they take, the most innocent of which is simply not allowing their children to read that book. Yet as with most points of disagreement there is a more intense option that some take. This includes banning books from use in schools, and in the most extreme cases leads to book burning, which is more common in southern states and early 1940's Germany. The practices are often put on by highly conservative groups who see these books as corrupting.

The question that libraries want people to think about whenever they hear of a book being challenged or burned is that if we burn books now for their ideas, what will be next? There is a very famous quote from a German playwright named Heinrich Heine: "Where they have burned books, they will end in burning human beings."

Some of the More Interesting Banned Books of 2005:

1. *Scary Stories* (series)
2. *Daddy's Roommate*
3. *I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings*
4. *The Chocolate War*
5. *Huckleberry Finn*

several Universities including Worcester State College. This quick bio highlights a busy life anyone would be proud of. Of course it does not even scratch the surface of his experiences. He has been, and still is, a crusader for human rights. It is this job that has the etched strength and wisdom into his face. His battle against the apartheid system in South Africa, which was a British Colony, began in the 1960's, when he fought against the exclusion of black athletes from the Olympic Games. It is law that the best athletes from any country must be sent to the Games. However in South Africa, no black athletes were allowed, even if they were the best. Though his fight landed him in prison, with a bullet in his back, and eventually exiled from his homeland, in 1970 South Africa was kicked out of the Olympic Games. He went on to spend time in prison for his activism with Nelson Mandela, he was held in the same cell as Mahatma Gandhi, he spoke at the U.N. and continues to this day to be a major voice for human rights across the world.

In fact he just returned from Havana, Cuba, where he got to speak at an *Encuentro*, about an issue that is very important to him, and in his opinion, one of the biggest cases of social injustice facing the world today. There will be a spotlight on this issue in the next edition of the paper. However there will be a convention held, similar in style to the one in Cuba, here at Worcester State College, December ninth and tenth. It will be attended by some of the same people who were in Cuba, so keep the dates in mind. There is not time enough to touch on all things he has done, the places he has been, or the issues he has fought for. Simply Googling his name turns up lots of hits, and lots of stories about him and his accomplishments. However the stories are better in person and his door is always open. He is a great addition to the faculty here at Worcester State, and an invaluable asset to the human race.

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community of young, middle aged, and elder students who learn to work effectively in service to the wider Worcester community.

The Congressional Hunger Center's mission is to fight hunger by developing leaders who have a shared commitment to a nation and a world free from hunger. It embodies the spirit and goal of the former House Select Committee on Hunger, "to find real solutions to hunger and poverty."

The annual "Victory against Hunger Awards" was established by David Kantor, President of Victory Wholesale Grocers, to recognize outstanding organizations in the United States that work to end hunger at the local level.

For more information about the IUI at Worcester State College, call 508-929-8900.

Remember, it's *YOUR* school and *YOUR* paper, and you have the right to *LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD*. We encourage you to write and submit your letters, articles, stories, and everything in between to:

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Worcester State College 2005 Harvest Festival Family Weekend October 14th & 15th

Events Residents

Friday, October 14

- 6 P.M - Sibling Sleepover at Dowden Hall Lounge
- 7-10 P.M. - Sibling Sleepover Games at N/S Auditorium
- 9 P.M. - Movie: *Madagascar* at Seven Hill Lounge

Events Residents & Commuters

Saturday, October 15

- 9:45 A.M - Registration at Student Center
- 10-11:30 A.M - Recognition Brunch, \$5.00 per person
- 10 A.M. - Men's Soccer vs. Framingham State
- 11:30 A.M-3:30 P.M.
 - Worcester Food Bank Food Drive
 - Activities at Gym Parking Lot
- 1:30 P.M - Football vs. Massachusetts Maritime
- 7:00 P.M - Dance Company Show/Hypnotist
 - \$5.00 per person
 - \$2.00 per WSC student

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Musical Matters

With Kevin Lyons and Chris McChale



Saosin 2005 EP

Straight out of Newport Beach, California comes a breath of fresh air in today's indie music scene in the form of a band called Saosin. This band combines incredible guitar work with superb drumming and poetic vocals. In August 2005, they recorded an untitled EP that was released on Capitol Records.

We have never really heard any band quite like this before, making it hard to describe their sound. The band insists on calling it "Sao-core." Saosin is Beau Burchell (guitar/vocals), Cove Reber (vocals), Justin Shekoski (guitar/vocals), Alex Rodriguez (drums), and Chris Sorenson (bass/vocals). Formed in July 2003 with former frontman Anthony Green, the band released their first EP, *Translating the Name*, independently and quickly gained a huge fan base. Anthony left the band in 2004 to pursue other opportunities, and the current line-up was finalized when Cove Reber took over as vocalist in fall 2004. After constant touring and testing new material that would become songs for their upcoming full length (which is to be released by Capitol sometime early 2006) the band put out this EP while they were on this summer's Vans Warped Tour. Though a let down to some fans, this EP shows that the band is on their way to creating a masterpiece of a debut album, while at the same time showcasing the new lead singer's talent.

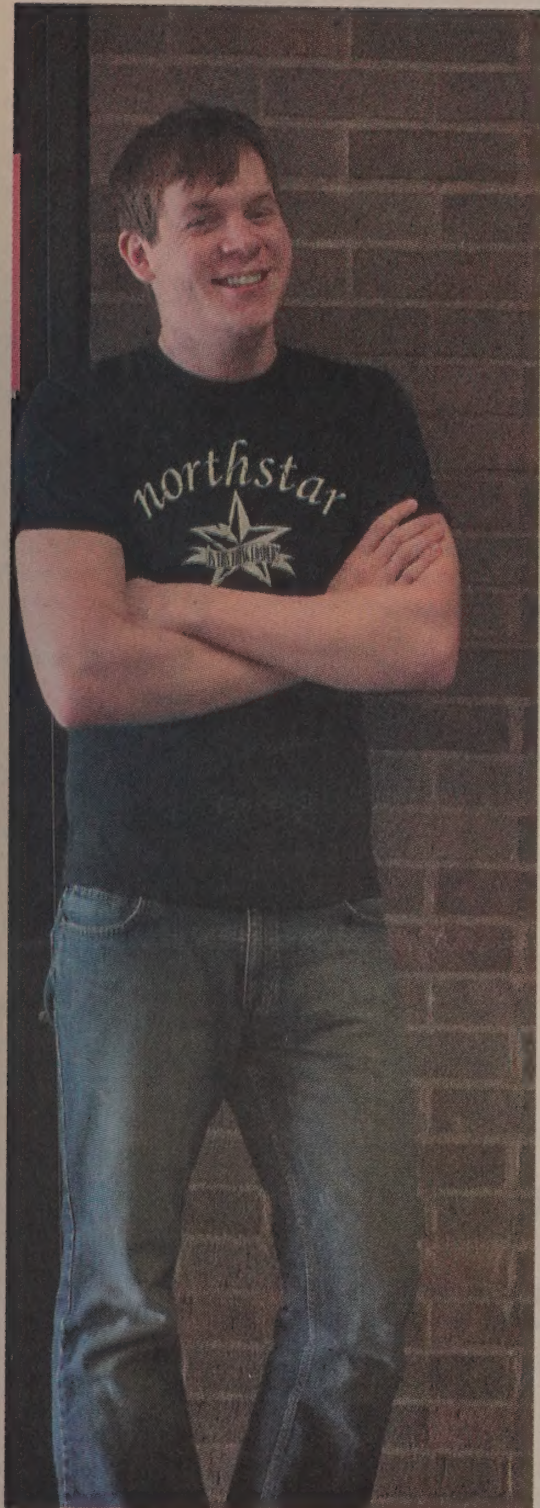
The first three tracks of the EP are all new songs from the current line-up. The first track, "Bury Your Head," has been around since late 2004 and was the first new studio track from the current lineup. Though it has been around for a while, it is still an amazing song. The vocals are unique and full of heart and passion even though Cove is still new to the whole "band thing". It shows that he is a talented writer and that the band has not lost any of its edge musically. The next track on the EP, "I Wanna Hear Another Fast Song", keeps up with the trend of that classic Saosin sound with ear pleasing vocals, hard hitting guitars filled with quick riffs and complex rhythms and amazing drumming. Chris, being a drummer himself, discovered the drums to be so fast and intricate that at times he would find himself paying attention only to this musical genius while listening to the EP. The third song, "New Angel," takes music from a hard hitting pre-"Translating the Name" song, "No Angel," and turns it into a slower paced somewhat mediocre song. To me, it just sounds so similar to many other bands that are out there, I really had a hard time getting into it. Thankfully, it's the only one like it on the CD.

A live version of a track off of "Translating the Name," called "Lost Symphonies," shows off Cove's vocal maturity since he has been in the band. At some points his voice resembles that of Anthony Green, the former vocalist. His screaming at the end of the track should put some of the haters to rest... it's just a matter of time. The EP finished off with an acoustic version of "Bury Your Head," which is a little different and unexpected but shows the talent and potential of the new front man.

After the loss of vocalist Anthony Green, Saosin is back in full force. The new songs on this EP are only demos, and there is some need for improvement, but it shows the direction in which they are headed as a band, and we like it. We are interested in seeing Saosin's future endeavors. They will be heading out on tour soon, opening for Avenged Sevenfold, and they will be hitting the Palladium on October 27th. Their EP is available through their website, Saosin.com. For fans of extremely hard hitting dual guitars, insane vocals and disgusting drumming, pick this and their first EP up—you won't be disappointed. Not to mention, they're pretty sexy dudes.



3 1/2 out of 5



Saosin EP

Track Listing:

1. Bury Your Head
2. I Wanna Hear Another Fast Song
3. No Angel
4. Lost Symphonies (Live)
5. Bury Your Head (acoustic)

Wedding Night of the Living Dead

Christopher Degon
Staff Writer

Tim Burton has always been considered an eccentric director. His movies typically star characters that embody loneliness and despair, and are a close offshoot of German expressionism. Yet no matter how twisted and gothic his films become, there is one constant throughout: each film has an emotional core that allows fans of all degrees to connect with the characters on display. There is no difference in “The Corpse Bride.” Burton’s latest and first stop-motion animated film since 1993’s “The Nightmare Before Christmas” is a visual splendor. Due to advanced technology it is quite possibly the best looking stop-motion animated film ever. The characters are full of little tics and twitches, movements and motions which make them jump to life on the screen and blur the line between what is real and what is not.

The story is by no means complicated, yet Burton’s usual amount of bittersweet emotion shines just the same. Victor and Victoria are to be wed in a marriage of convenience, for the sake of pleasing their parents. However, Victor can’t seem to remember his sacred vows and subsequently is ordered to leave the rehearsal and not to return until he knows them by heart. While rehearsing in the nearby woods, he finally gets them right and for good measure, places the wedding ring on a tree branch, completing the vows. However, as the tagline for the film says, “There has been a grave misunderstanding.” The branch was not a branch at all, rather the withered hand of a corpse. The bride rises to the occasion and pulls Victor down to the land of the dead where she intends to keep him as her husband. This is where the movie finds its voice. While the land of the living is presented almost entirely in monochrome, the land of the dead is depicted with an explosion of color that can at first be jarring in comparison to the film’s beginning. It is here where Burton’s visuals come to the forefront and make the viewer realize that the land of the dead is much more alive.

Burton’s usual cast of actors are present here, many of whom did voice over work while shooting another Burton movie, this past summer’s hit, “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” Included is the chameleonic Johnny Depp, as well as Emily Watson, Christopher Lee, Albert Finney, Tracey Ullman, and Helena Bonham Carter as the Bride. One of the most impressive feats is that at no time do the actors overshadow their characters. Danny Elfman, Burton’s other long time collaborator, returns as well with a beautiful and haunting score. Its dark, moody music from the land of the living is interspersed with zany jazz tunes from the land of the dead and at one point culminate into a lovely yet warped version of the classic “Wedding March.”

Fans of Burton’s previous work will no doubt flock to this movie simply because of the director, but that is not to say that they will be the only ones who will enjoy it. Consider the fact that it seems to be an exception to the rule of movie making and advertising. It may seem too child like for adults, and too scary for children. Yet somehow it manages to combine just the right amount of atmosphere and humor to be appreciated by both.

The bottom line: this movie is beautiful, both aesthetically and emotionally.

(The Corpse Bride is rated PG, runs 76 minutes and is playing now)

Poetry Reading Review: Mark Doty

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

World renowned poet Mark Doty captivated a packed Ghosh Auditorium last Wednesday evening with a reading of selected poems to celebrate the 100th birthday of widely respected Worcester born poet Stanley Kunitz.

Offering a selection of Kunitz’s poems along with selections of his own work, Doty kept his audience’s attention throughout by interspersing his readings with amusing and sometimes poignant memories from his life, as well as anecdotes from his friendship with Kunitz.

If the evening’s success could be judged by the volume of applause that resonated throughout the auditorium at the conclusion of the reading, those present would no doubt consider it a triumph. Doty also took time afterwards to chat with members of the audience, as well as sign his books for appreciative poetry fans.

Serenity

Stephen Deal
Voice Contributor

Firefly fans unite! The time has come to scrounge up some cash and hightail it to the movie theater—you won’t be disappointed. For those who aren’t in the know: Serenity is the brainchild of Joss Whedon, creator of both *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*. The movie is based on another one of his creations, *Firefly*, which featured an interesting mix of old school mid-west action with a bit of sci-fi.

Fans of the series are guaranteed to love this movie, but have no fear because the movie was made with all action fans in mind. Highlights include an incredibly flexible, creepy but oddly attractive “River Tam” going from babbling weirdo to human ass-kicking machine in a crazy display of acrobatics, a constantly flowing plot that slows down only to prevent your heart from exploding from the amount of awesomeness, well built characters played excellently throughout the movie, quite a bit of humor, and for the ladies- a little bit of cleverly done sappiness.

As far as downsides are concerned, I will admit there are a couple minor issues. Firstly, those who aren’t familiar with the series might be a little thrown off by a few awkward moments in the movie involving small utterances in Chinese. Don’t worry—the few times the movie seems to be too serious, nerdy, or lame, a humorous recovery is just around the corner.

Although this movie is somewhat sci-fi, it bears none of the traditional over-nerdy stereotypes of other similar flicks. Anyone who finds the movie enjoyable should consider buying the series on DVD to experience even more of the awesomeness. Overall I’d give it a 10 out of 10 for fans of Firefly, and a 9 for those who just love action and a good plot.

“Girls Gone Wild” Hits Worcester!

Bobby Fournier
Staff Writer

The guys of *Girls Gone Wild* have done it again! This time they visited the Atrium Nightclub in Worcester on Saturday October 1st in pursuit of making their newest video. The night started off with a tight security check among the men while the women walked in unscathed. After going through a tedious search by security, each male in attendance paid ten dollars to enter the club. Unfortunately, a strict prohibition of cameras was enforced, preventing the audience from taking pictures of the wild event. But in an atmosphere of booze, dancing, and girls showing off their “special talents” for beads, the fun never stopped.

There were women dancing on several stages throughout the Atrium, giving all the male-dominated audience a viewing pleasure. The ages of the crowd ranged from barely legal to over-the-hill, demonstrating that everyone had joined the fun.

Sponsored by 107.3 WAAF, the audience was joined by radio personality Spaz, who started off the event. His crew kept the excitement going by giving out free memorabilia and urging the local women to show off their “assets”. The GGW show lasted from ten to midnight, but the excitement continued even after the cameras stopped rolling.

By closing time, the club was so packed that there was barely room for walking, let alone dancing. This, however, did not stop the wild girls. Masses of them continued to dance with the music on several platforms, showing off their wild side. To all the poor souls who missed out on all the excitement, BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

If you would like to submit a poem or short story to the Voice, send it to: studentvoice@worchester.edu with “arts” in the subject line.



POLICE LOGS



Police Log 9/1-9/30

9/1/05

11:10 a.m.

Investigated garbage dumping in front of Gym by the gym lot

08:12 p.m.

Neighbor called complaining about noise from "Traveling Max" show outside of Wasylean Hall. Advised that show will end by 10:00 p.m. Neighbor did not believe it.

9/2/05

11:30 a.m.

Call for a suspicious package inside of the gym building. The package turned out to be a large battery for the emergency lights.

01:00 p.m.

Student collapsed on the second floor of the gym building in the career success office. Student was thirsty and dizzy. He was escorted to health services to be evaluated.

9/3/05

10:00 a.m.

Student stuck in elevator. Unit #13 able to open doors. Checked elevators, working fine.

06:20 p.m.

Received call from Dowden Hall second floor. Someone had vomited on floor in hall by the bathroom. On call maintenance called.

9/4/05

3:15 p.m.

Call from a concerned parent that vomit was outside his son's dorm room for the past two days. Advised the parent that maintenance had been paged, and it would make sure to get done ASAP.

9/5/05

01:20 a.m.

Arrested Christopher M. Harvey for possession of marijuana, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages and alcohol on school premises. Processed and transported to Worcester Police Department for bail.

9/7/05

06:10 p.m.

Fire Alarm for burnt food in WH 303. WFD Engines 4 and 10 responded.

9/8/05

10:30 a.m.

Units dispatched to the LRC building for a suspicious person: person was a student studying in the computer lab.

9/10/05

10:50 p.m.

Unit had to knock down a bathroom door in CV3-2 to assist a female student who was trapped inside.

9/11/05

02:45 a.m.

Called E.M.T. to transport a male student hurt during a fight at Wasylean hall.

03:00 a.m.

called E.M.T. for medical transport of a female student that is highly intoxicated at Dowden hall. Transported to Umass memorial.

9/13/05

03:31 p.m.

Dying bird brought to office with broken neck. Unit 31 discarded bird naturally.

07:32 p.m.

Resident of WH 408 doing hair in bedroom set off smoke alarm

9/17/05

07:00 a.m.

Units take a report of a sexual assault.

9/18/05

09:16 p.m.

RA's report that a 4th floor Wasylean Hall fire extinguisher had been discharged possibly while in case so it was not as noticeable. Maintenance notified to clean up hazmat.

11:20 p.m.

Phoned the plumber for a backup of waste water in the shower of CV 24-1. Upon fixing the issue, instructed residents to contact housing in the morning to get bathroom cleaned.

9/20/05

01:05 p.m.

Hit and run in the gym lot.

9/21/05

02:30 a.m.

Report of an attempted break in. Reporting party states that she heard voices and a ripping noise, and upon entering the common room noticed the screen was broken. Units checked house, and locked windows.

9/21/05

07:30 a.m.

Third time ice cream machine turned on overnight.

9/22/05

09:55 p.m.

Officer 15 responded to emergency box 105. Observed commuter student hiding on the front seat of car.

9/23/05

01:35 a.m.

Three residents observed smoking suspected marijuana in the wooded area behind Chandler Village.

9/26/05

11:20 p.m.

Report from the RA's of blood on the 2nd floor of Dowden. Units respond and clean up approximately 8 drops of blood in 2nd floor hallway.

9/27/05

01:50 a.m.

Noise complaint of people throwing a frisbee in front of CV 13-1. Individuals spoken to, told to take it inside.

10:13 p.m.

Anonymous tip came in regarding the odor of marijuana coming from a CV house. Units responded. Unfounded.

9/28/05

1:20 p.m.

Father called concerned about his Daughter, Unit located student and instructed her to contact father.

9/30/05

06:40 a.m.

\$1,175 left in cruiser. Was never delivered to the Bursars office.

The Campus Police offices are located on the first floor of Wesleyan Hall. Their phone number is (508)-929-8044.

Note: This is an abridged version of the Worcester State College police logs. Campus police responded to 654 calls during the month of September.

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THE SPORTS PAGE:

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Rivalry Renewed

The Worcester State Lancers and the Westfield State Owls played their annual rivalry game on Friday September 30th. Heading into Friday there had not been much of a rivalry due to Westfield's recent dominance over Worcester. The Lancers had not defeated the Owls since their 14-9 victory in 2000. The Lancers have been outmatched by the Owls ever since, culminating in an embarrassing 27-3 loss last season. This season Worcester wanted to turn things around. After dropping their first two games, the Lancers have been on a roll of late winning their most recent two games, including a 49-6 blowout against MIT. Westfield had won their first two games, but dropped their third game in a triple overtime heartbreaker.

Worcester State started with the ball. Junior quarterback Kyle Beatrice looked a little shaky in the beginning. After an impressive 21 yard completion, Beatrice threw his seventh interception of the season. On their first offensive play, the Owls fumbled the ball which was quickly recovered by junior defensive end Anthony Figueiredo. This was the beginning of a very long night for the Owls.

Worcester quickly started tearing apart Westfield's defense. Beatrice took control of the game by throwing an amazing 41-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver and Captain Jeremy Gaucher. Worcester's junior kicker Gabriel Donaldson would later tack on a field goal to make the score 10-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lancers picked up right where they left off. On their opening drive, the offense utilized junior running back Steve Kasprzak. Kasprzak eventually ran the ball in for Worcester's second touchdown to increase their lead to 17-0. As well as Worcester's offense was doing, their defense might have been doing even better. Westfield could not get an offensive drive going, and either turned the ball over or was forced to punt. The Owls never got past the 50 yard line in the first half, and found it difficult simply trying to gain a first down. Worcester State scored again when Kyle Beatrice found an open Jeremy Gaucher in the end zone again. Worcester led Westfield 24-0 heading into the half.

Westfield began the third quarter with another three and out, but Worcester got a costly roughing the punter penalty that would not only get Westfield past the 50 for the first time all game, but would also give them a new set of downs to work with. The penalty did not come back to haunt them however, because the Lancers defense quickly forced a fumble which was returned for a touchdown by senior defensive lineman and team Co-captain Paul Ivanoski. After a missed extra point, Worcester led 30-0 with plenty of time left on the clock in the third quarter.

On their next offensive drive, Westfield turned the ball over again, when their quarterback Mike Lorenzano threw an interception. Worcester's offensive drive ended in another Donaldson field goal to increase the lead to 33-0. On the ensuing kick off, Westfield fumbled and lost the ball again. Worcester continued to capitalize on Westfield's mistakes by scoring another time, this time by junior running back Izzy Ayala. The score was now 40-0, and incredibly out of reach for the Owls.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Owls finally scored when their defense forced a fumble and returned it for their lone touch down. Late in the fourth quarter, junior running back Billy Shea had an impressive run, during which he broke a few tackles and scored his second touchdown of the year.

Worcester went on to defeat Westfield 47-7. The victory was a complete team effort. Offensive stand-outs include Kyle Beatrice, Jeremy Gaucher, Steve Kasprzak, Izzy Ayala, and Billy Shea. Beatrice finished the game with two touch downs and 154 passing yards. Jeremy Gaucher was on the receiving end of Beatrice's touchdown passes, and also caught four passes for 111 yards. Running back Steve Kasprzak rushed for 64 yards and one touchdown, Izzy Ayala for thirty yards and a touchdown, and Billy Shea rushed for 19 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively the Lancers were unbelievable. They shut out the Owls and put their offense under a great deal of pressure. When Westfield made a mistake, the Lancers capitalized and did not waste any opportunities. Some notable defensive stand outs include Anthony Bizzotto, Tim Bartucca, Chris Grautski, and Daniel Whalen who all pitched in with sacks. Jason Crabb and Tom Fallon both forced fumbles on the Owls. While Anthony Figueiredo and Paul Ivanoski both recovered fumbles, in which Ivanoski returned his for a touchdown. The Worcester State Lancers hope to build on their three game wining streak on Saturday, October 8th against the Framingham State Rams.

Additional information
on Worcester State College Ath-
letics is available online at:
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Fall Sports Standings

Team	W - L
Football	3 - 2
Field Hockey	4 - 4
Men's Soccer	8 - 2
Women's Soccer	5 - 3
Tennis	1 - 3
Volleyball	9 - 9

Standings are as of press time. Golf
and Cross-Country standings were
unavailable.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Cross Country: October 15 vs. Eastern Nazarene

Football: 1:30 pm October 15 vs. Mass Maritime

Field Hockey: 3:30 pm October 17 @ UMASS - Dartmouth

Golf: October 16 - 18 New England Championships

Women's Soccer: 2:00 pm October 15 @ Framingham State College

Women's Tennis: 1:00 pm October 15 @ Clark University

Men's Soccer: 10:00 am October 15 vs. Framingham State College

Volleyball: 7:00 pm October 13 vs. Salem State College